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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/066,394	CHENG, DAVID
	Examiner Ernest F. Karlsen	Art Unit 2829

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to documents filed February 1, 2002 and September 22, 2003.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3.  The drawings filed on 22 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All      b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ernest F. Karlsen*

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the specification: Page 1, lines 6 through 10 have been cancelled and replaced by:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent application number 09/348,751, filed on July 6, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,366,103, which is incorporated herein by reference. This application is also related to co-pending U.S. Patent application number 10/066,391, now U.S. Patent No. 6,653,853 which is also incorporated herein by reference. –

## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

No reference was found anticipating or a combination of references found making obvious a multiple test probe system having a plurality of probe assemblies coupled to a rotatable mount associated with a plurality of test positions wherein each of the probe assemblies includes a plurality of probe contacts coupled to a probe bus regardless of the rotational position of the mount and wherein the rotatable mount is motor driven via a Geneva Mechanism. Also no reference was found anticipating or a combination of references found making obvious a method of using the above apparatus.

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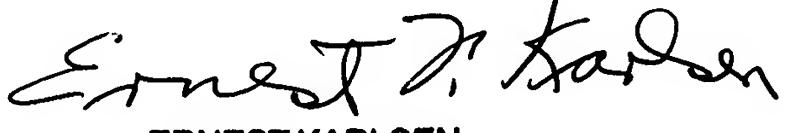
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Cheng '853, Cheng '103, Kerschner et al and Campbell are cited to show prior art apparatus wherein probes are mounted on a rotatable turret mechanism. Stimmel, Briseno and Carter are cited to show prior art wherein plural probe sets are always connected in parallel to a measuring device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Ernest F. Karlsen at telephone number 571-272-1961.

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May 20, 2004

  
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